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STATUS OF LOCAL NONPROFITS EXPLAINED AT NEXT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

FAIRFIELD, CA – The community is encouraged to attend a presentation on the current critical status of local nonprofits that will be given to the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, September 23, 2008 at 2:30 PM, in the Board Chambers (675 Texas Street, Fairfield). The presentation will be followed by a discussion on ways to strengthen County partnerships with local nonprofits.

In early 2008, the Board of Supervisors made a commitment to local nonprofits to conduct a Board Study Session dedicated to nonprofit matters with a goal of identifying ways the County could promote and build on existing county partnerships with the nonprofit community and ensure quality, cost-effective services.

The Solano Nonprofits Coalition, representing over 50 nonprofits in the County, cites recent studies that found Solano County has the highest unmet needs, lowest number of nonprofits, lowest budgets for nonprofits, and receives the least amount of foundation funding and individual funding per capita when compared to California and the nine Bay Area counties.

Approximately 180 nonprofit entities in Solano County provide a variety of services to County residents, including counseling and treatment services, education, arts, senior services, healthcare services, housing, and more.

The nonprofit sector plays a significant role in the community. A review of nonprofit contracts in Health & Social Services alone shows that Solano County awarded a total of \$24.8 million in contracts to nonprofits for the 2007/08 fiscal year – up from \$19.4 million in fiscal year 2006/07.

This Nonprofit Study Session will be presented by Robert Fuentes, Executive Director of Faith in Action; Stephanie Wolf, President and CEO of Solano Community Foundation; and Debbi Davis, Executive Director of Children's Nurturing Project.

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